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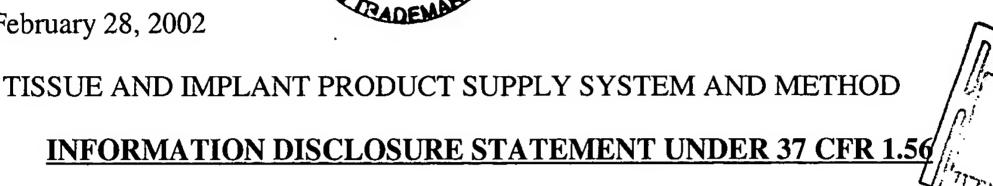
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Sir:

For:

Pursuant to Rule 56, applicant hereby calls to the attention of the Patent Office the references listed on the attached PTO Form 1449. One copy of each reference is attached.

Applicant presents these references so that the Patent Office may, in the first instance, determine any relevancy thereof to the presently claimed invention; see Beckman Instruments, Inc. v. Chemtronics, Inc., 439 F.2d 1369, 1380, 165 USPQ 355, 364 (5th Cir. 1970).

Some of these references are cited here because they were cited in a corresponding International Search Report (copy enclosed) which gives an English language concise statement of the relevancy of the non-English translation references.

Applicant respectfully requests that these references be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application and made of record herein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue herefrom.

Respectfully submitted,

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